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Get used to new 587 area code, says Telus official

PHONES Albertans might want to think twice before pressing end call on that "587" number popping up on the call display.

It's not a telemarketer — it's just the new Alberta area code, and according to Telus spokesperson Chris Gerritsen, there are now thousands of them in the province.

"I think we as Albertans embrace change and I think this is just something we will have to get used to and it will eventually become second nature," he said. "I think we're starting to see more of the new area codes recently."

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Next Star Sister act



Sisters Nakita Kohan, 13, right, and Amelia Kohan, 8, are ready to go head to head in front of the judges of Next Star, a talent show on YTV, yesterday at the Delta Edmonton South. Story, pg 2

CANDICE WARD/EDMONTON SUN

Wintery weather delays golfing

SNOWFALL Many golf clubs across the city are being forced to push back tournaments as far as September because of a late, winter wallop that covered Edmonton like a white blanket yesterday.

"This is frustrating, this is completely ridiculous," said James Whitton, a golf pro at the Mill Woods Golf Club, about the late-May snowfall.

Whitton said the golf club was forced to cancel one tournament because of the storm, and the Professional Golfers' Association of Alberta has postponed a tournament to September.

"We've opened and closed three or four times so far this season and we've been open since April 17," said Whitton.

Environment Canada issued a heavy snowfall warning for Alberta's capital city yesterday as many residents woke up to an inch of snow on the ground.

Some snow melted, but areas north and west of Edmonton saw much larger dumps, said Bill McMurry, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, adding golfers can expect to hit the links by the weekend as temperatures are expected to hover near the 20-degree mark.

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"If (people in the water are) alive, do whatever you can."

Jack Madro,
rescue dive instructor

cide, accident or intention.

The waterway running through the middle of the city can be lethal, Madro said. Getting caught in a six- or seven-knot current is possible in summer months, making live rescue perilous, and swimming near hopeless.

Boaters and hikers on

riverside paths who happen upon people in the water face a slippery slope in judgment, Madro said, as rescue attempts can prove treacherous.

"It's always risk-benefit analysis. Bottom line is if it's worth your life to try to help when a person's already dead," he said. "If they're alive, do whatever you can."

Neither identities nor cause of death have been released in the most recent discoveries. Police spokeswoman Karen Carlson confirmed each occurrence was non-criminal in nature.

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A small number of tickets for this summer's sold-out AC/DC concert will be released this Friday. Tickets for the Aug. 26 show at Commonwealth Stadium will go on sale through Ticketmaster at 10 a.m. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



150 people fined for jaywalking

A weeklong crackdown on jaywalking in Edmonton's downtown core has resulted in more than 150 people facing \$250 fines. Kerry Nisbet, an executive director with the city's corporate security office, says the pedestrians got the message about the dangers of jaywalking last week — especially those handed tickets. Peace officers will continue to watch out for pedestrians during the festival season this summer.

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Could you be The Next Star?

Kids show off at audition for YTV musical competition

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for Metro Edmonton

As the weather cooled down yesterday morning, hundreds of kids from across Edmonton warmed up their vocal cords for the open auditions of YTV's The Next Star.

The reality show, now starting its second season, gives children under the age of 15 to show off their musical talent.

"It's like Canadian Idol for kids under 15," said Samantha Taus, a spokeswoman for the show.

This is the first time the popular show has held auditions in Edmonton. When filming their first season last year, the producers went to Calgary.

"We found when we were in Calgary that there were so many kids from Edmonton that we might as well just go to Edmonton," said Taus.

Nakita Kohan, 13, is one such talented young Edmontonian. For the past three years she has been singing anthems for Edmonton's sports teams, including the Oilers and Es-



Chelsea Mahaffey, 12, get her fiddle ready to perform in front of the Next Star judges yesterday at the Delta Edmonton South.

kimos.

"They call her the little girl with the big voice," said Carrie Byrness, Nakita's mother.

Chosen contestants go through three rounds before reaching the Top Six

and travelling to Toronto. Each kid in the Top Six writes their own song, which is recorded by Universal before they perform it at the show's finale.

"A lot of them write their own songs and

they're great," said Taus. "Just because they're under 15 doesn't mean they aren't amazing."

Finalists also learn about the music industry. The grand prize winner gets to record more songs.

Feds boost Improvaganza with \$9,500 grant

KENDALL WALTERS
for Metro Edmonton

Edmonton's Improvaganza got a \$9,500 cash boost from the federal government yesterday, so that audiences would be able to enjoy some laughs at one of the city's summer festival fixtures.

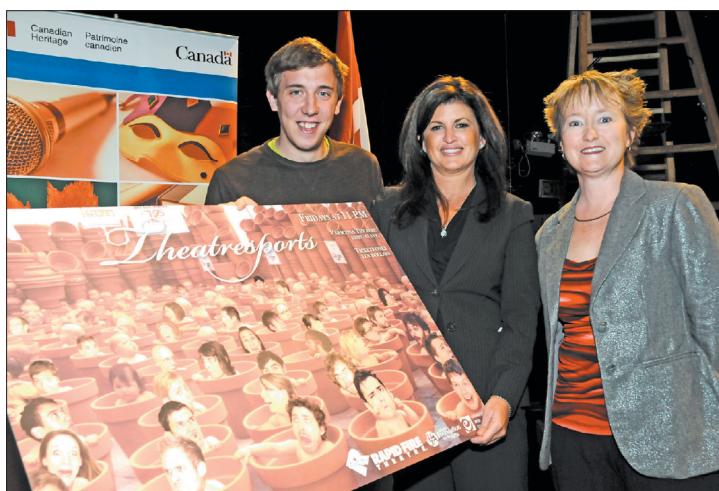
"We recognize the important contribution the cultural sector makes in the economy," said Ambrose, minister of labour and member of Parliament for Edmonton-Spruce Grove.

Organized by the Rapid Fire Theatre Society, the ninth annual Improvaganza will feature improv actors from around the globe.

"It gives our local actors exposure to the international world," said Ambrose.

"It's very exciting."

The funding will support a large portion of the



Rapid Fire Theatre performer Kory Mathewson, Labour Minister Rona Ambrose and theatre society manager Karen Brown Fournell celebrate an announcement in funding for the Varscona Theatre yesterday.

festivals operating costs.

"It's about one-quarter, because the festival gets a little bigger every year so it

gets a little more expensive every year," said Karen Brown Fournell, general manager of the Rapid Fire

Theatre Society.

"It made the difference between whether or not we could keep going."

City proposing to split cost of repairing back alleys with residents

PLANNING A plan to make residents split costs with the city when it comes to fixing alleyways behind homes is being floated by administration.

Residents are right now responsible for the full tab to fix problems in the alleys behind their homes.

But the city's transportation operations manager told a council committee yesterday that no neighbourhoods have signed up in years to get any repairs done.

The city is only responsible to fix safety "concerns" along alleyways, says transportation manager Brice Stephenson.

And since no one has signed up to get any problems fixed, Stephenson says a good chunk of the city's back laneways are in dire need of fixing.

"The current information I have says 36 per cent need reconstruction and

"These alleys are used by garbage trucks by utilities. There are many uses for these alleys. They're roads."

Coun. Karen Leibovici

another 26 per cent require an overlay," said Stephenson.

Coun. Karen Leibovici said in the meeting that she doesn't like the plan because it should be paid for through property taxes.

"These alleys are used by garbage trucks ... they're used by utilities," said Leibovici. "There are many uses for these alleys. They're roads."

A report from administration will be given to council later this fall on the plan. **METRO EDMONTON**

Hunters don't fear diseased meat: Study

WILDLIFE Diseased deer in Alberta isn't scaring away hunters from their sport, says a report from the University of Alberta.

A survey of hunters indicated that 37 per cent of them are eating deer meat even before the meat is tested for Chronic Wasting Disease at provincial labs.

Roughly 75 per cent of hunters are also sticking to their usual hunting grounds, despite the confirmed presence of the

brain-wasting illness, said Natalie Zimmer, who conducted the study for her master's degree in the university's department of rural economy.

"They don't perceive the threat as highly as we thought they would," said Zimmer in a press release.

The disease is estimated to affect up to 1.6 per cent of deer herds in Alberta, according to figures from the university.

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News in brief

TRAFFIC A crackdown on dangerous driving over the long weekend has resulted in 4,074 violations being issued across the province by Alberta's Sheriff Highway Patrol. Alberta Sheriffs say 21 suspected impaired drivers were removed off of Alberta highways during the sting, and 31 people were arrested for outstanding warrants. More than 3,000 tickets were handed out to motorists for speeding and roughly 590 violations were issued to motorists who had no insurance or who had had their licences suspended.

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Therapy helps insomniacs more than meds: Study

Teaching insomniacs how to fall asleep through talk therapy produces better results than continued use of sleep medications that carry dependency risks, according to a Canadian study released yesterday. **REUTERS**



Canada



Allow aid into Sri Lanka: Cannon

Canada remains concerned about civilian casualties in northern Sri Lanka and has urged the Sri Lankan government to allow humanitarian aid groups into refugee camps to help those who have fled the fighting, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said yesterday. "We call on the government of Sri Lanka to give the United Nations and other international humanitarian agencies immediate access to internally displaced persons," Cannon said in a statement.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Olympic toke?

2010 torch reminds many of marijuana joint

All hail — or inhale — the 2010 Olympic Torch.

Or, as it's jokingly known around Vancouver, the Olympic Toke.

Composed of stainless steel, aluminum and sheet moulding, the torch was designed to invoke snow, ice, skiing and skating, but to many, the metre-length white torch looks suspiciously like a marijuana joint, especially when lit.

The observation has become so common in that city that it's hard to know who was the first to say, "Hey, doesn't that look like..."

But that the torch bears a resemblance to Vancouver's biggest cash crop was

evident right away to Jodie Emery, editor of Cannabis Culture magazine.

"A lot of people come to Vancouver because it's marijuana-friendly, so I think people who already enjoy a joint themselves will feel a little more kinship to the Olympics," said Emery, who ran this month as a Green party candidate in the provincial election.

"I'm sure the organizers didn't intend for it to look like a joint but that's what a lot of people are seeing."

The association between toking and the Olympics didn't begin with the torch, of course.

At the 1998 Games in

Nagano, Japan, Whistler skier Ross Rebagliati won, then lost the gold medal in snowboarding after testing positive for marijuana. The medal was returned after Rebagliati explained he had inhaled second-hand smoke. And Olympic swimming sensation Michael Phelps was photographed in February with a bong.

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To many, the Olympic Torch looks like a marijuana joint, prompting the observation to become common among Vancouverites.

FILE PHOTO

International effort underway to meet isotope demand: Feds

SHUTDOWN Canadian energy authorities have closed a nuclear reactor that produces a third of the world's medical isotopes after a small leak and warned that there could be a shortage of isotopes by as early as Saturday.

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. said it shut down the 50-year-old reactor at Chalk River, Ont., late last week after it discovered a small leak of heavy water, used as part of the nuclear reaction process.

It expects the reactor to remain out of operation for more than a month.

How it works

- The isotopes are used in medical research and in some cancer treatments. When injected into the body, they give off radiation that can be imaged with a camera to diagnose cancer, heart disease and other medical conditions.

In the meantime, major isotope-producing countries and companies are working co-operatively to address the issue of a possible supply shortage, the federal government said.

A secure supply of medical isotopes is not only an issue for Canada, it is an international issue that is being addressed co-operatively by all isotope-producing countries," Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt said.

Raitt said Ottawa was engaging international isotope producers as well as companies such as MDS Nordion, Coviden Ltd. and privately held Lantheus, which the natural resources minister said play key roles in securing the medical isotope supply for North America.

REUTERS

Halifax One hard party



RYAN TAPLIN/PIERRE CANADA

Mario, a tenant at a townhouse in Halifax who didn't want his last name used, talks with Metro yesterday about a weekend party that got out of control. Some 200 or more partygoers started tearing down the drywall. When the hosts tried to shut it down, they claim they were attacked. The damages are estimated at about a few thousand dollars.

Public wants more done by Ottawa on food safety: Poll

News in brief

ENERGY The federal government announced details yesterday of the \$1-billion clean-energy fund it promised in February, with the lion's share of the cash going to support the development of carbon capture and storage projects. Ottawa said \$650 million has been earmarked to help pay for large-scale carbon capture and storage demonstration projects.

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MULRONEY Former prime minister Brian Mulroney admitted yesterday he did not want author William Kaplan to go public with information that he had a business relationship with Karlheinz Schreiber, but denied he called him specifically to ask him to keep the information quiet. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

FOOD Canadians are distrustful of food companies inspecting their own meat and want the federal government to take more responsibility for food safety, a national poll has found.

Seven in 10 Canadians believe Ottawa should be more hands-on in the safeguarding of food products, says the Nanos Research survey commissioned by the agriculture union that represents federal meat inspectors.

The poll asked 1,001 Canadians to gauge their faith in the country's meat-inspection system following last summer's

listeria outbreak that killed 22 people and sickened hundreds of others — perhaps thousands.

The results of the poll are considered accurate within 3.1 per cent plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

"What the poll shows is what my expectations are," said Liberal agriculture critic Wayne Easter, who sits on a parliamentary committee investigating the outbreak.

"Responsibility for food safety in Canada is the responsibility of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and its minister."

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Air New Zealand is launching what it calls the world's first matchmaking flight, an overnight trip from Los Angeles to Auckland, New Zealand. For a round-trip ticket starting at \$780 US, singles can mingle at a party before boarding a 13-hour flight, where food, drink and entertainment awaits. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

World



Ancient primate fossil unveiled

Scientists yesterday unveiled fossilized remains, left, of one of the oldest skeletons of an early primate, a finding they say could further understanding of how our ancestors may have appeared. The now-extinct primate lived some 47 million years ago and was found south of Frankfurt, Germany.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Sri Lanka confirms rebel leader dead

SRI LANKA Sri Lanka's military said yesterday Tamil Tiger rebel leader Vellupillai Prabhakaran's body had been found, and president Mahinda Rajapaksa urged Tamils to join in rebuilding a nation split by a 25-year separatist war. Footage broadcast on Sri Lankan TV showed what appeared to be the corpse of the man who plunged the Indian Ocean island nation into one of the world's most intractable wars, his eyes open, face bloated and the top of his head blown off. The military declared total victory over the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) after a climactic gun battle on Monday.

REUTERS

Obama sets new efficiency standards

U.S. President Barack Obama took aim at climate-warming greenhouse gases yesterday and ordered the struggling auto industry to make more fuel-efficient cars under tough new national standards to cut emissions and increase gas mileage.

Obama said the national standards, announced at a White House ceremony attended by auto industry and union leaders, would reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and give five years of cost certainty to an industry battling to survive.



U.S. President Barack Obama puts his arm around California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger after announcing new standards for automobile fuel economy and emissions.

Under the new vehicle standards, U.S. passenger vehicles must average 35.5

miles per gallon by 2016. The plan resolves a long-running dispute between the government and California, which sought a waiver from federal law to impose its own tough standards on emissions. **REUTERS**

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Officials fear flu strain could become resistant

FLU Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is now widespread, causing a range of illness, and U.S. health officials say they fear it could mix with drug-resistant versions of seasonal flu.

This year its cousin, a seasonal H1N1 strain, became

mostly resistant to the most commonly used antiviral — Tamiflu.

Relenza, an inhaled drug, still works. The CDC said more seasonal flu viruses were making people sick than would normally be expected for May, and the reasons were not clear. **REUTERS**

News in brief

TEEN SEX British schoolboy Alfie Patten, who made headlines earlier this year when it was reported he had got his girlfriend pregnant when aged 12, is not the baby's father after all, a newspaper reported yesterday. In February, media said Patten's 15-year-old girlfriend had become pregnant, but after the story was reported, other boys came forward to say they had had sex with the mother. DNA

tests have now revealed that the father is a 14-year-old schoolboy.

POLITICS A former U.S. Democratic Party fundraiser was found guilty yesterday of breaking federal campaign laws. Norman Hsu was convicted by a jury in federal court of violating election laws by making donations in other people's names.

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Somali teen faces piracy charges

A Somali teenager accused of holding a U.S. ship captain hostage was indicted yesterday on 10 counts, prosecutors said. **REUTERS**

Stem cells used to battle cancer

Cells can 'find and destroy tumours': Researcher

Genetically engineered stem cells from bone marrow showed promise as a potential new way to deliver a cancer-killing protein to tumours, British researchers said yesterday.

Experiments in cell cultures and in mice showed the adult stem cells — a type known as mesenchymal stem cells — could home in on cancer cells and deliver a lethal protein that attacked only the cancer while sparing normal healthy tissue.

"We've developed cells which specifically target cancer through the body and deliver an anti-cancer protein to where it is needed in a seek-and-destroy approach," said Dr. Michael Loebinger of University College London, who presented his findings at the American Thoracic

No rejection

• An attractive property of these cells is that they are "immunoprivileged," meaning the body will not reject them as foreign invaders. That means they can be made in batches instead of having to make custom stem cell treatments for each patient, Loebinger said.

Society conference in San Diego.

"Essentially, we've combined two pieces of research. The first is that mesenchymal stem cells have an innate ability to seek out tumours throughout the body," Loebinger said in a telephone interview.

Loebinger, Dr. S. M. Janes and colleagues altered the

cells to express or make the cancer-killing protein called TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand or TRAIL.

"This protein has the ability to cause the death only of cancer cells. By combining these two approaches, we have a cell which has the ability to go around the body and find and destroy tumours," Loebinger said.

Studies in cell cultures showed the cells were able to find and kill cells from lung, squamous, breast and cervical cancer. "Lots of cancer have sensitivity to this TRAIL protein," Loebinger said.

He said a number of safety studies would be needed, but the team hopes human trials could begin in two or three years.

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Kashmir Desperate bid for jobs



Bashir Ahmad Mir, an unemployed Kashmiri electrohomeopathy doctor, is seen in flames after he tried self immolation in demand for jobs in Srinagar yesterday. Mir suffered burn injuries on his back and his condition is stable, according to police. Electrohomeopathy is a form of alternative medicine.

Military plane crashes in Indonesia

EAST JAVA An Indonesian military transport plane carrying 11 crew and 99 passengers has crashed in East Java, bursting into flames and killing at least 78 people, an Indonesian air force official said this morning.

A local official said the Hercules aircraft was badly damaged and had hit several houses on the ground. "About 15 metres of the tail

is still intact, but the body to the front is broken and burnt," said Suwardi, a sub-district head, in the district of Karas in Magetan.

"Earlier we heard blasts. But not anymore, now the plane is still on fire," added the official, who said air force personnel were trying to evacuate victims but the site was difficult to reach because it was on the fringe of a rice field.

"I think there are still more people inside," he said, adding the plane had crashed at about 6:30 a.m. local time near an air force base. Television footage showed debris scattered on the ground and black smoke rising, with the tail of the plane upside down.

The crash happened about 150 km southwest of Indonesia's second-biggest city of Surabaya.

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Whack a seal, it's our right

Defending our annual stupidity celebration

The West View

Paul Sullivan

As the beer commercial goes: I am Canadian. And as such, I suppose, it's my patriotic duty to defend our annual celebration of stupidity, the Atlantic seal hunt.

OK, here goes.

The first thing you should know is that this so-called annual slaughter targets only a tiny percentage of the 5.5 million harp seal population, just a quarter of a million of the cutest and most defenceless.

Keep in mind as well that sealers can no longer target "babies." Now they have to wait until the seals are "mature," 12-15 days old and beginning to moult. This corresponds with

the time the baby seals are abandoned by their mothers. "Hi kid. Abandoned by your mom? Welcome to the real world. Whack!"

I must, on behalf of the 6,000 sealers who make their livings whacking baby seals, protest the European Union's ban on seal pelts, passed May 5. Obviously, because the Europeans kill animals (and what about those bull fights, eh? Eh?), they have no right to get all self-righteous about the seal hunt. Don't they realize the hunt is strictly regulated and humane?

At least as humane as it can be, considering it apparently requires the use of some-



"Obviously, because the Europeans kill animals they have no right to get all self-righteous about the seal hunt."

thing called a "hakapik," which looks exactly as it sounds, and that the "mature" seal has absolutely no means of escape, except to close its big, impossibly adorable eyes, and wonder what happened to mom.

And those European dilettantes should respect the grand tradition that accompanies the whacking of baby seals.

Our Inuit friends have been whacking same since before recorded history and our noble maritime fisher guys have been at it for more than 400 years.

And surely that is one of the great lessons of history: The longer a brutal, pointless practice endures, the less pointless it becomes, but I'm not

want to go there just now.

Let's remember the annual seal whackathon brings 30 million badly needed dollars to the Atlantic economy. When you consider that \$30 million about covers the cost of the commodes at the new \$1-billion Vancouver convention centre, you have some idea of the epic scale we're dealing with here. Of course, we could just give the Newfoundland sealers 30 million bucks and a gift coupon for Tim Hortons and tell them to stay home, but where's the dignity?

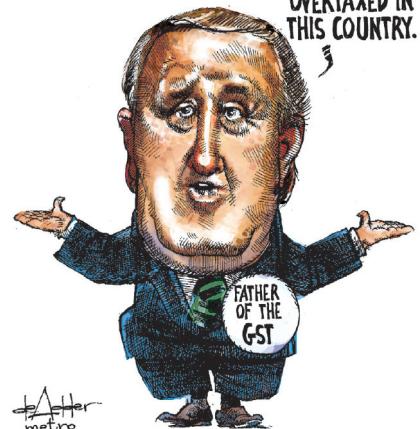
Who are we — effete, urban snobs who eat veal probably — to tell the noble sealers to forgo their storied traditions and stop whacking and hakapiking baby, er, mature seals to death?

We simply don't understand, do we?

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WHAT? WE ARE OVERTAXED IN THIS COUNTRY.



Word on the street: Where is your favourite spot in the city to people watch and why?

Kyle Leonard
age 22,
Edmonton

A: The subway, because you get a wide variety of characters.



Colby Vinck
age 21,
Edmonton

A: The airport, because there's people coming off the planes and you wonder where they've been.



Mike Fuller
age 28,
Edmonton

A: The Ledge around the pool, there's always lots of little family groups or people goofing around.



Brittany Macrae
age 19,
Edmonton

A: The Black Dog, you get along with almost everyone.



Suzanne Abele
age 25,
Edmonton

A: Hub Mall, you can sit in the middle of the aisle and people are walking right past you.



Ben Fyshe
age 26,
Edmonton

A: Whyte Ave., it's so diverse down here. On a nice day, everyone's outside.



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Re: What's your favourite thing about your city?

My favourite thing about Ottawa is how clean and family oriented it is.

Tweet by @kevinrbourne @metrottawa

Re: What's your favourite thing about your city?

Parliament Hill. The sight of it never gets boring.

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Re: What makes you smile?

Tulips blooming makes me smile.

Tweet by @smileycdngerl @metrotoronto

Re: What's your favourite spot in your city?

The forest trails in High Park and the distillery.

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Quote of the Day

"We are not dealing with our grand-grand-grand-grandmother, but perhaps our grand-grand-grand-aunt."

— Jen Franzen of the Senckenberg Research Institute in Frankfurt at New York's American Museum of Natural History yesterday. She was commenting on the unveiling of well-preserved fossilized remains of a primate from 47 million years ago that may have been a close relative of monkeys, apes and humans.

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Chinese wedding fever heats platinum market

An auspicious year for weddings in China is expected to add fuel to an already robust market for platinum jewelry, helping to offset dire industrial demand, a leading industry official said yesterday. **REUTERS**



Business

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Quebec Caisse hearing



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Henri-Paul Rousseau, former president and CEO of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, pauses during yesterday's parliamentary committee hearing about the \$39.8-billion losses of the Caisse at the National Assembly in Quebec City.

Central bank sees little need for more stimulus

ECONOMY Canada has less need than other countries to boost its economy with unusual steps like printing money to buy assets, a Bank of Canada official said yesterday, hammering home the message that it has done enough to combat the recession.

"Canada has not been subject to many of the imbalances and vulnerabilities that have affected other countries."

John Murray,
deputy governor

ing — or printing money to buy market securities — and credit easing, but disappointed many market players by suggesting it had no plans to actually embark on such a program unless there was an unexpected negative shock to the economy.

The bank's next announcement on monetary policy is June 4 and analysts are not expecting any big news.

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Business in brief

AUTO General Motors Corp. and the Canadian Auto Workers must have a cost-savings deal in place by May 31 to qualify for a government rescue package, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday, days after the two sides failed to meet an earlier target date.

CREDIT The U.S. Senate yesterday approved a bill to curb credit card interest rate increases and hidden fees, with President Barack Obama expected to sign the measure into law by the end of the month.

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POULTRY The combination of Brazilian food companies Perdigão and Sadia into a company called Brasil Foods has created a global behemoth that looks poised to dominate the world poultry market.

AUTO General Motors Corp.'s plan for a bankruptcy filing involves a quick sale of the company's healthy assets to a new company initially owned by the U.S. government, a source familiar with the situation said yesterday.

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The future of web queries?

'Computational knowledge' engine generating lots of buzz

WolframAlpha's creator

It's not a Google-killer — in fact, it's not even a search engine — but WolframAlpha and its concept of "computational knowledge" is already raising eyebrows by suggesting what the future of Internet queries might look like.

Tech buffs have had a few days to play with WolframAlpha since it went live for testing last weekend amid significant buzz. Now open to the public, the free web service promises to eventually make "all systematic knowledge immediately computable by anyone."

WolframAlpha has a home page that resembles

Google's, complete with a prominent query box. But instead of trolling billions of web pages for pertinent information and then leaving it up to the user to decide what is most useful, WolframAlpha attempts to answer a given query by mining its vast databases.

The early reviews are mixed, with some marveling at its ability to answer questions of a human na-

ture — How far is it from Vancouver to Halifax? — and others wondering whether it's just as easy to turn to existing web resources.

"WolframAlpha is not a Google-killer and it's not going to replace it," said Carmi Levy, senior vice-president of strategic consulting for AR Communications Inc. "But it certainly points us toward a future

where search looks very different than it does today."

It takes some experimentation to discern WolframAlpha's strengths and weaknesses. In what will no doubt be the bane of high school math teachers, the service excels at solving mathematical equations.

But WolframAlpha is horribly hit-or-miss when it comes to pop culture. Enter the name of Blue Jays ace pitcher Roy Halladay and you draw a blank — rather surprising given that baseball and statistics go together like hand and glove.

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Unexpected fall in Q1 business bankruptcies

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REPORT Business bankruptcies in Canada dropped unexpectedly in the first quarter, in contrast with the trend in the United States and a sharp rise seen during previous Canadian recessions, a report released yesterday said.

The total number of business bankruptcies in Canada fell 4.4 per cent during the year ended March 2009.

Business bankruptcies fell no less than 14 per cent during the first three months of 2009 compared with the same period in 2008, according to the report by CIBC World Markets.

The finding comes just a

week after a government report showed first-quarter personal bankruptcies rose by 35.9 per cent.

"Usually the collation between business bankruptcies and consumer bankruptcies is very tight," said Benjamin Tal, who wrote the report.

"This time around we may not have to wait for business bankruptcies to recover before we see employment rising again," Tal added. "The resiliency of business bankruptcies bodes well for the recovery in the labour market in 2010."

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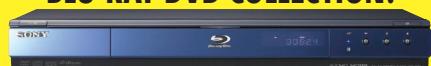
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Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison will skip the Super Bowl champions' White House visit with President Barack Obama tomorrow. Harrison will bypass the traditional ceremony, just as he did when the Steelers were honoured by President George W. Bush at the White House in June 2006. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Steeler to skip White House

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Oilers sign rookie Swedish d-man

NHL The Edmonton Oilers have signed defenceman Johan Motin to a three-year entry level contract.

The six-foot-one, 202-pound native of Karlskoga, Sweden was the Oilers second choice in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft. He joins the Oilers after playing the last three seasons in Sweden with Farjestads of the Swedish Elitserien.

Motin scored three assists

with 28 penalty minutes and was plus-4 in 52 games this past season to help Farjestads finish first in the Elitserien with a 30-17-8 record. The 19-year-old defenceman then added one assist and six penalty minutes in 13 playoff games as Farjestads captured the Elitserien championship, defeating HV 71 four games to one in the league final.

MOTIN SCORED THREE ASSISTS

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Orlando at Cleveland

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(Detroit leads series 2-0)

Chicago 2 Detroit 3 (OT)



Mikael Samuelsson's goal 5:14 into overtime sent the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 2 of their Western Conference final from Joe Louis Arena.

Samuelsson started a rush off a giveaway by Hawks defenceman Brian Campbell, pushing the puck ahead through the neutral zone to Jiri Hudler. It quickly became a 3-on-1



Julien honoured

Boston Bruins head coach Claude Julien has been named NHL Coach of the Year by the Sporting News. Julien led Boston to the top of the Eastern Conference standings this season, posting a record of 53-19-10 while racking up 116 points in just his second season in Beantown. The Sporting News chose Julien after compiling votes by 39 coaches and executives from throughout the league.

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Wings clip Hawks in OT



Chicago's Ben Eager, right, checks Detroit's Niklas Kronwall into the boards last night during Game 2 of the Western Conference final. Detroit won the game 3-2 in overtime.

as Valteri Filppula joined on the right wing. Hudler dished to Filppula, who turned and fed back to Samuelsson for a bullet one-timer inside the left post.

Dan Cleary and Brian

Rafalski also tallied for the Red Wings, who assumed a two-games-to-one series advantage.

Chris Osgood made 37 saves for his 10th win of this postseason.

Jonathan Toews posted both goals for the Blackhawks, who look for their first win in the series in Game 3 on Friday at United Center.

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Mediation ordered for NHL, Coyotes

COYOTES If the bankruptcy of the Phoenix Coyotes were a hockey game, it would be the end of the first period and the score would be tied 1-1.

Both the NHL and its opponents — the legal teams for Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes and Canadian Jim Balsillie — scored a couple of points and came away with a few bruises in a day of momentum swings.

All sides came away with reason to be optimistic their side would prevail after Judge Redfield Baum effectively neutralized the issue of control by ordering mediation.

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Sports in brief

SUPER BOWL Saints owner Tom Benson announced yesterday that the city of New Orleans was selected by NFL owners as the location for Super Bowl XLVII in the year 2013. Miami and Phoenix had also made bids.

NBA The Los Angeles Clippers won the NBA Draft lottery last night and will have the No. 1 overall selection on June 25. The Toronto Raptors will draft ninth.

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Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers goes up for a shot over Kenyon (K-Mart) Martin of the Denver Nuggets last night during Game 1 of the Western Conference final. The Lakers won 105-103. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

**The plane to Spain**

Air Canada and fellow Star Alliance partner Spanair announced yesterday they have entered a codeshare agreement that expands their networks between popular destinations in Canada and Spain. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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**Booming business**

A new survey by Destination Weddings & Honeymoons magazine forecasts that—despite the recession—the market for such weddings will grow to \$16 billion US this year from \$13 billion in 2008, extending a winning streak that has seen the market boom from just \$3 billion in 2001. **REUTERS**



The Wall, the new hot bar at the W South Beach.

Where to be seen in Miami

Strolling along palm-tree lined Ocean Drive, against a backdrop of pastel-coloured Art Deco buildings, I feel like I'm part of a postcard. This is South Beach, a celebrity playground of restaurants, bars, salsa clubs and Miami vices; home to luxury lifestyles, reality-TV tattoo shops and the world famous diet. Dubbed Ameri-

ca's Riviera and the Latin Hollywood, Miami draws a wide range of tourist types, from snowbirds to university students and sun-worshippers to trendsetters. For those looking to party, South Beach is the place to be, with what seems like an endless supply of bars to choose from. Here are a few places to start:

Gansevoort South Hotel:

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Julia Dimon

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The Gansevoort South, a hip hotel on Collins Avenue, is a favourite among Miami's beautiful people. Walk past the lobby's 50-foot-long shark tank and take the elevator to Plunge, a poolside lounge overlooking the ocean, the city and a tree-fringed infinity pool. From there, check out Louis, a vampish Versailles-themed VIP lounge; gansevoortsouth.com.

Skybar at Shore Club

Enjoy the perfect weather at Redroom garden, a chill landscaped patio of tropical plants and eclectic Moroccan-themed design. Sauntering around this

communal space, you can wander from Rumbar, which serves up 75 different kinds of rum, into Redroom, where you can dance the night away to hip hop and Top 40; shoreclub.com.

W South Beach Hotel

When in doubt, you can't go wrong with W. With slick architecture, high design and a pulse on what's cool, the new W South Beach Hotel (set to open June 16) is a sure bet.

The Wall nightclub, an ultra lounge open as late as 4 a.m. Fridays to Mondays, boasts specialty drinks and gold-and-black decor; starwoodhotels.com.

Casa Casuarina

Sip cocktails at Casa Casuarina, the infamous residence of the late Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace. In this historic house-turned-celebrity

compound, Versace hosted stars such as Madonna and Elton John until his untimely death in July 1997, when he was murdered on the villa's steps. Once a private members-only club, this 1930s landmark now welcomes tourists for dinner, cocktails and tours (offered daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at \$65 US per person); casacasarina.com.

VIP help
If you don't want to bat-

tle lineups or doormen, SoBeVIPs, a nightlife company aimed at taking the hassle out of South Beach partying, can hook you up with club access. They offer limo transportation, VIP bottle service and party passes (a package that includes cover charge, a drink and line-up free entry before 12:30 a.m.); sobevip.com.

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Though U.S. motorhome manufacturers have seen demand evaporate as a result of the current economic downturn and credit crunch, analysts are upbeat about the sector, arguing that the market for motorhomes will come back. **REUTERS**

The wide world of garden tours

If you're into horticulture, here's your travel to-do list

EMMA E. FORREST
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Green is chic — why not spend your holiday paying homage to the great outdoors with a garden-themed trip?

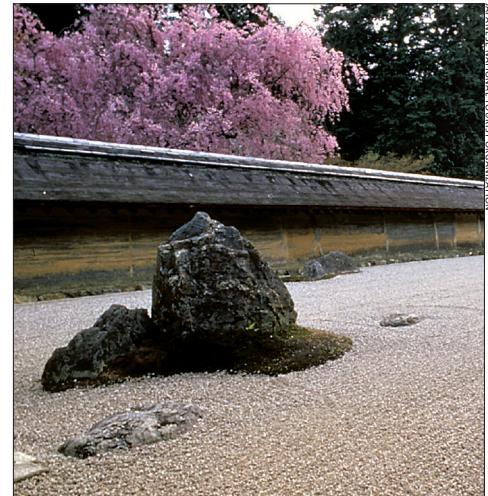
British Flower Shows

The British are obsessed with their gardens. The highpoints of the British garden lover's year are the RHS flower shows. The most famous of these is the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show at the end of May, where top garden designers compete for the finest show garden and the latest gardening trends are set.

However the insider's choice is the Hampton Court Palace Flower show in July — it's bigger and less crowded. There's an inspiring range of displays from small gardens to front yards, family-friendly planting, extravagant conceptual designs, vegetable patches and how to make your garden sustainable, (rhs.org.uk) If trekking round the shows hasn't satiat-



Above left, a display at the Waterlily House at London's Kew Gardens. Above right, a Zen garden at Japan's Ryoanji Temple.



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ed your needs for horticultural inspiration, then pay a visit to the famous 250-year-old botanical gardens at Kew, in London. These stunning grounds are home to a palace, themed gardens, a

top walkway, and impressive plant collections housed in extravagant greenhouses, kew.org.

Bulbs in Benelux

Holland is lifted by a riot of colour when spring arrives and the country's

trademark flower — the tulip — starts to bloom. The best place to enjoy these bold flowers is at Keukenhof, the world's largest flower garden where they are laid out in vast multicoloured carpets. Established 60 years ago as an exhibition at which growers from the flower bulb industry could

present their latest flowers, it's now a sort of fabulous floral theme park.

Every year seven million flower bulbs in 1,600 different varieties supplied by 93 different exhibitors are planted throughout this 32 hectare estate. You can admire the configurations of different colours and shapes of bulb, and of course buy some to take home afterwards. Until May 21; keukenhof.nl.

Zen gardens of Japan

You might have missed the spring cherry blossom in Tokyo, but there are plenty more opportunities to enjoy the flora of Japan. Far from the fussy, flowery gardens of Europe and the U.S., these gardens found in the grounds of Buddhist temples, historic castles and private homes, are carefully-constructed minimalist havens, with gravel paths, sparse planting, artfully-placed rocks, pavilions, tranquil ponds and relaxing water features.

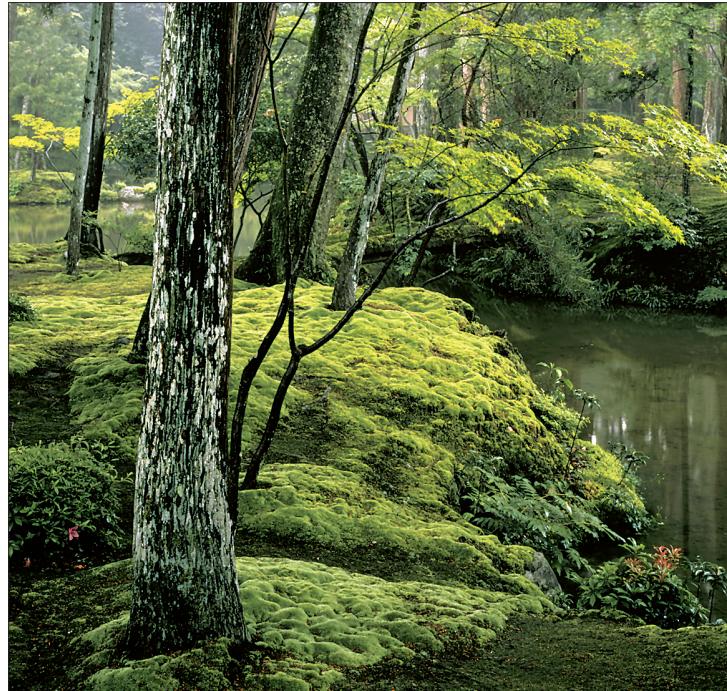
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Bowing out of the Bahamas

A five-star, Four Seasons resort in the Bahamas will close its doors this month after it was put into receivership nearly two years ago due to mounting financial losses. The Four Seasons Resort Great Exuma is to close May 26 and is no longer accepting reservations. **REUTERS**



Above left, a view of the garden at Saiho-ji Temple in Kyoto, Japan. Above right, the Palm House at Kew Gardens is a massive Victorian glass structure containing a world-class collection.

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Biodiversity in Costa Rica

Some gardens are religious, others ceremonial, artistic or designed for strolling through.

Kyoto is awash with splendid examples, including those in the grounds of the city's 13 World Heritage Sites, including the gardens at Nijo Castle Ni-nomaru, Tenryu-ji Temple, Kiyomizu-dera Temple, the beautiful moss garden of Saiho-ji Temple, and the rock garden at Kinkaku-ji Temple, where nature is represented by stones and gravel swept into simple patterns with a broom; jnto.go.jp.

Flora and fauna fans will be overwhelmed by the diversity that Costa Rica has to offer. This tiny country in Central America covers only 0.1 per cent of the world's landmass, but is home to five per cent of global biodiversity.

Almost a quarter of the country is made up of national parks, protected by the environmentally-conscious government.

These tropical paradises are home to a bounty of more than 100,000 exotic and colourful plant species,

alongside thousands of types of animals and birds.

Highlights include the botanical gardens of the Centro Neotropico SarapiquiS Gardens, the Arenal Botanical Gardens, the Elsie Kientzler Botanical Garden, the botanical gardens of CATIE, the aerial tour of the Braulio Carrillo National Park, the La Paz Waterfall Gardens which is full of butterflies and hummingbirds and the Lankester Botanical Gardens in San Jose, home to

more

than a thousand varieties of orchid; visit costarica.com.

Tropical gardens in Madeira

There's more to this Portuguese island in the middle of the Atlantic than the sweet wine. Madeira is known for its exotic flora and a visit will not disappoint garden fans — the tropical climate and the volcanic soil create perfect conditions for growing all

manner of exotic plants from gardenias and freesias to hibiscus, agapanthus, mimosa, bougainvillea and orchids.

All of these flowers are on show in the wealth of well-tended gardens including the Botanical Gardens, the Tropical Gardens of Monte Palace with its collection

of cycads, the Garden of Quinta da Boa Vista, with its collection of orchids, as well as private gardens like Quinta Palmeira and Quinta do Palheiro, famous for its camellias.

Another great way to discover the spectacular scenery is to take a walk along the levadas, a series of water channels created to bring water from the highlands to the lower parts of the island; madeiratourism.org.

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People take part in a yoga class on a capsule of the Singapore Flyer observation wheel in Singapore on April 18. The Yoga In the Sky session was held as part of Yogamania 2009.

Get away from it all

Yoga retreats appealing in tough times

When the going gets tough, the tough get centred, preferably in paradise.

Retailers may be shutting their doors, banks may be taking stress tests, but yoga retreats are surprisingly popular now even, or especially, among the unemployed, the soon-to-be unemployed, and the fearing-to-be unemployed.

"Several people I've spoken to in the last few weeks have said, 'You know, I just lost my job and I really shouldn't be doing this, but I need this retreat so-o-o badly,'" Wesleigh Roeca, who runs the retreat program at YogaWorks, said in an interview.

"We were in Ojai, California, in March, and we're going to Hawaii in June," said Roeca of the approximately week-long getaways conducted by the California-based national chain. She also had a sold-out retreat planned for Mexico this week, but was forced to cancel it due to H1N1, or swine flu.

"Just about all of our retreats sell out," she explained. "It's a healing vacation. And in times of economic uncertainty, healing vacations offer people rejuvenation." Another plus, according to Roeca, is that the retreats are typically all-inclusive — one price that includes accommodations, meals, days filled with yoga, and even some excursions. "A lot of bang for your buck!" she said.

At Kripalu Center for Yo-

"People these days seem uncomfortable, even guilty, about just sitting on a beach ... We teach the art and science of yoga to help people find health and balance."

Cathy Husid-Shamir

ga and Health, located in the Berkshires town of Stockbridge, Mass., spokesperson Cathy Husid-Shamir agrees that uncertain times have shifted vacation priorities.

"People these days seem uncomfortable, even guilty, about just sitting on a beach," she said. "At our retreat centre we teach the art and science of yoga to help people find health and balance. It's a learning vacation in an environment that supports it."

Kripalu (the name means "grace") also offers courses on topics like stress management, health challenges, insomnia, and weight loss, as well as saunas, hiking trails, horseback riding and other activities.

As a nod to the times, Kripalu teachers have organized a tuition-free program for people who recently lost their jobs, even as the retreat prepares to open an 80-room expansion annex in June. "People want to go somewhere where we can truly get away from it all," explained Husid-Shamir.

Nevertheless, Kripalu's policy of no alcohol on the menus, no television in the rooms, and a cuisine

"heavy on plant base, with limited seafood and chicken," might deter the more epicurean yogi.

For Billy Asad, a self-described "adventurer-retreat guy," who has been organizing corporate and studio yoga getaways for 10 years, enjoyment trumps asceticism every time. "Go have a glass of wine! Go have a steak! It's okay!" he said from Los Angeles.

"I try to keep my retreats very balanced. And I like to have them in three-, four-, five-star hotels."

Asad typically combines yoga with surfing, hiking and camping adventures in faraway places like Mexico, Australia, and Bali.

He agrees these are boon times for the all-inclusive vacation.

"I book the hotel, I do everything. This idea of 'I don't want to think beyond booking my trip' is becoming more mainstream."

People return from the holidays, he said, relaxed and in a better place.

"With the economy fears, more people are turning towards wellness," he said. "What do you do when you're in fear? Either you accept the change or you fight it."

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Volvo will release a free racing game developed with Swedish video game specialists SimBin. Users can virtually pilot the Volvo S60 concept or five Volvo racing legends in the game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Costliest bid

A 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa has set a new world record for the most expensive car ever sold at auction, costing the buyer \$12.15 million US, according to RM Auctions, which organized the event Sunday in Maranello, Italy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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TSX opens door to luxury

Acura model keeps sporty feel despite many refinements

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada



Who says it can't be fixed if it ain't broke?

When the new 2009 Acura TSX debuted, it delivered on the promise of a bigger and better TSX.

And those two qualities don't always go together.

In fact, when the original TSX was unveiled in 2003, I remember Acura making much of the fact that the car was based on the European Accord platform, not Honda's domestic version.

The European version of the Accord was smaller, lighter and tighter, with a platform tuned for the sporty character, taut suspension and handling engendered by the narrower, twisty roads of the Old World.

So designers had to be careful not to mess with the TSX's persona and strategic positioning within the lineup, while still trying to make the second-generation car roomier, more agile and more responsive.

The 2009 TSX evolution starts with a wider, more aggressive stance. Overall body-width has increased 78 mm and the track dimensions are 65 mm wider than the outgoing model. The TSX has also been stretched in the other direction, riding on a 35 mm



The new 2009 Acura TSX is an upscale sports sedan with many new features inside and out.

longer wheelbase and the car itself is 66 mm longer. That translates into a larger platform with smoother, more planted handling feel along with a corresponding increase in exterior dimensions and interior space.

Acura has tweaked the performance and emissions of the 2.4-litre all-aluminum DOHC i-VTEC inline 4-cylinder engine that produces 201 hp and 172 lb-ft of torque. That doesn't sound like much of an improvement at first — the horsepower is actually down from the 205 hp rating of the 2008 model. Torque is up 8.0 lb/ft (170 lb/ft in the automatic), but

2009 Acura TSX

Type: Entry-level luxury sedan
Price: from \$37,650

Engine: 2.4-litre DOHC i-VTEC 4-cylinder engine (201 hp / 172 lb-ft)

Fuel economy: 9.6/6.5/8.2L/100km (city/hwy/combined)

Highlights

- High-quality looks
- Loaded with features

more importantly, the useable power is available across a much wider rpm range, while the five percent increase in torque is designed to strengthen the engine's pulling power at

middle rpm levels.

Fuel economy is rated at 9.6/6.5/8.2L/100 km (city/hwy/combined), in the automatic, as tested.

Two transmissions are available, a standard six-speed close-ratio manual with new (more performance oriented) ratios for second through sixth gears or a Sequential SportShift five-speed automatic with a new lock-up assembly.

The manual tranny was designed with the sport driver in mind, featuring a short-throw shifter and mounted in a lightweight magnesium case — a rarity in the industry.

Any Acura comes well



There are high quality materials, elegant interior styling and enough amenities, content and gadgetry inside the 2009 Acura TSX to satisfy any technophile or audiophile.

loaded but bumping the TSX up to Premium adds leather seats, XM Satellite Radio, USB connector, front fog lights, automatic headlight activation, High

Intensity Discharge low-beam headlights and a two-position driver memory seat. And all this button-happy gadgetry is set into a high-quality interior.

2010 Subaru Forester pricing announced

Subaru Canada recently announced pricing for the 2010 Forester, including the new PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle) that joins the Forester lineup for the new model year.

The 170-horsepower Forester 2.5X, with a host of exceptional features including heated seats and Subaru's advanced vehicle dynamics control electronic stability system, is available with either a five-speed manual transmission (\$25,995) or a 4AT electronically controlled automatic transmission with



The 2010 Subaru Forester starts at \$25,995.

SPORTSHIFT (\$27,095). The new Forester PZEV meets the Super Ultra-Low

evaporative emissions. Compared to an average new vehicle, Subaru PZEV vehicles have 90 per cent cleaner emissions. The Forester PZEV, with 4AT SPORTSHIFT transmission, will retail for \$28,095.

There's also a 2.5X model equipped with a Touring package. Pricing for this model is \$28,695 with the 5MT transmission.

"Forester is the ideal vehicle for people with an active lifestyle, thanks to a comfortable, intelligently designed interior, fun-to-drive performance, and excep-

tional active and passive safety," said Katsuhiro Yokoyama, president and CEO of Subaru Canada.

"That's why the third generation Forester was named the Best New SUV/CUV under \$35,000, by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada. It was also named a top safety pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety after the introduction of their new rollover tests. In other words, Forester is as safe as it is comfortable and fun to drive."

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Chrysler unveils new V6 engine

TECHNOLOGY Chrysler has introduced an all-new line of V6 engines that will improve fuel efficiency across the Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge lineup by eight per cent on average compared with previous Chrysler V6 engines. This refined V6 engine will ultimately replace seven current Chrysler V6 engines.

The new 3.6-litre V6 engine, named Pentastar, is part of the company's overall \$3 billion powertrain offensive. It will first be offered in the all-new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee. **FROM CARGUIDE**

Scion's iQ aims high with trendsetters

Scion unveiled a special concept version of the iQ micro-subcompact car designed to meet the transportation needs of young urban trendsetters.

It was shown at the recent New York Auto Show.

Scion's iQ concept is a new urban vehicle with a revolutionary package that is just over 10 feet in length and accommodates three plus luggage.

As more and more urban centers are revitalized with a new sense of purpose, energy, and creativity, young people are moving in from the suburbs to embrace new urbanism and are looking for a car that suits their needs and delivers high emotional value.

The production iQ is currently sold in Japan and Europe. Five Axis of Huntington Beach, Calif., took the iQ to the next level with aggressive exterior and interior modifications that show the vehicle's potential for personalization.

With its 78.7-inch wheelbase, the three-door hatchback can deftly maneuver

“When not in use, the screen emits a colourful display of light patterns to make the interior even more unique.”

through city traffic. At the same time, its overall length of 126.9-inches, overall width of 71.4-inches, and short front and rear overhangs allow the iQ to fit in virtually any city parking space.

The front-mounted differential and repositioned steering rack decrease front-end length. In addition, the iQ is equipped with a flat gas tank housed beneath the floor that reduces rear overhang.

Pushing the wheels of the small, bold concept towards the four corners of the body gives the iQ a confident stance. The custom 18-inch wheels with a nickel finish and wide tires fill the wheel well, adding to its surefootedness.

The iQ's custom front air dam, aero headlamps and high-intensity LED driving lamps signal urban road readiness.

The iQ features a 10-inch panel LCD screen on top of the center cluster that serves as the main entertainment console and navigation system interface.

With the push of a but-

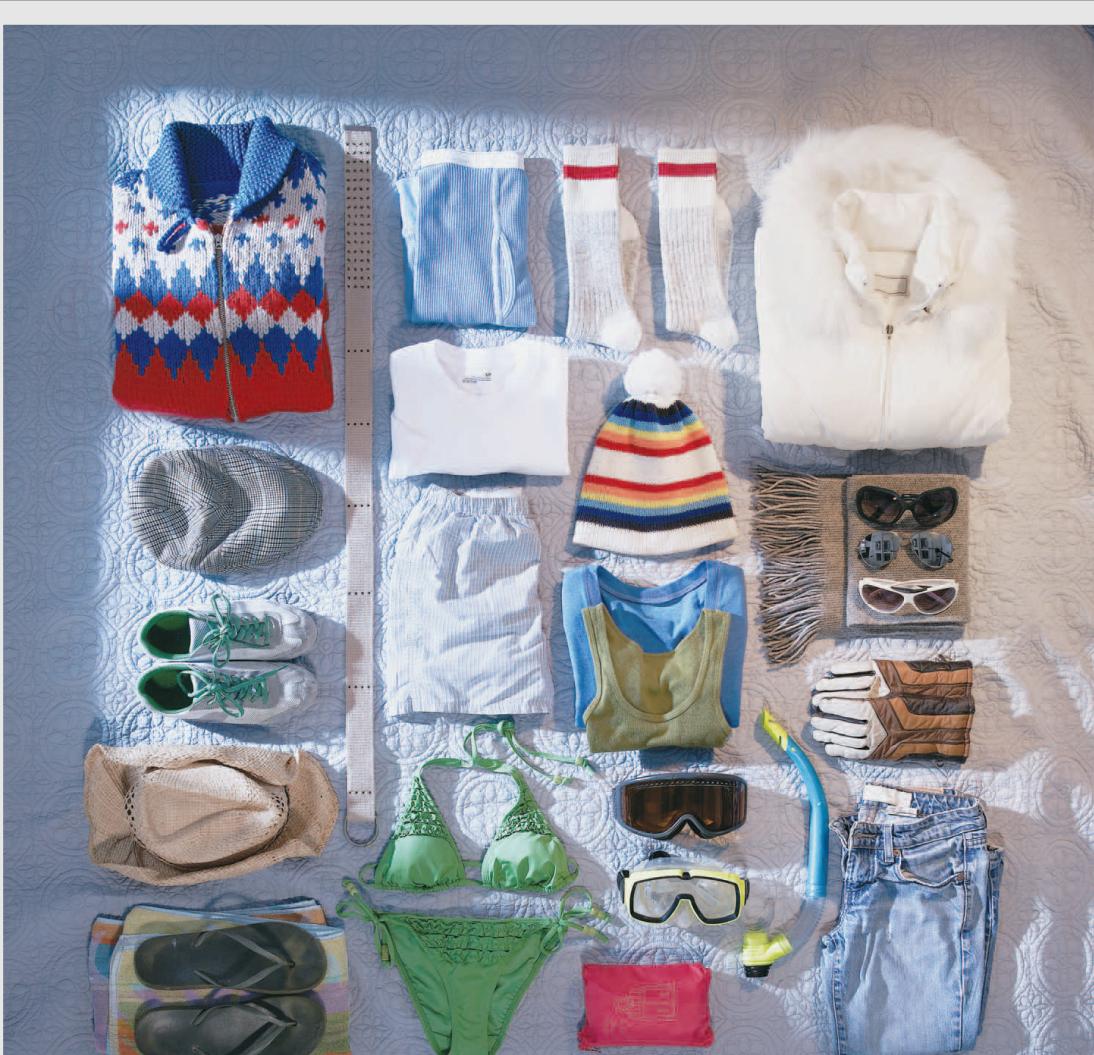
ton, the touch-screen articulates to reveal the entertainment hub. The touch screen can also play movies while the vehicle is parked. When not in use,

the screen lays flat on the dash with a translucent cover that emits a colourful display of light patterns to make the interior even more unique. **FROM CARGUIDE**

The centre of attention. With a futuristic shape designed for urban trendsetters, the iQ micro-subcompact, Scion's latest concept, debuted at the recent New York International Auto Show.



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Hyundai ranks highest among auto manufacturer websites in satisfying Canadian new-vehicle shoppers, according to a recent J.D. Power and Associates study. Toyota closely follows Hyundai in the rankings and Mazda is third. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Borrego satisfies

Kia SUV competent but doesn't outshine rivals

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada



Given the length of time it takes to develop a vehicle, automakers can find circumstances have changed considerably from the drawing board to the showroom. That's probably the case with the Kia Borrego, which isn't helped by being released into the current economic crisis.

It's not that there's a lot wrong with it, but that it doesn't really outshine the competitors in a rapidly-dwindling segment. It's another competent SUV in a pool of competent mid- to full-size SUVs.

This body-on-frame, seven-passenger model offers Kia's first V8 in North America, a 4.6-litre that's a version of the Hyundai Genesis' power plant. But my tester was the 3.8-litre V6, which starts at \$36,995, making it \$2,500 less than the V8.

My ride was the upper-line EX, at \$40,995, which brings extra features and a specific 4WD system. The base LX is a part-time system, running primarily in rear-wheel, with the 4x4 system strictly for loose or slippery surfaces. The EX uses a full-time, all-wheel system that can be used on any road, and also locked into high or low if necessary for extra traction.

The 2009 Kia Borrego aims to take its place in the tough SUV segment and one thing that may be going for it is the improved interior, which features quality materials and comfortable seating.

The platform is unique, not just a larger version of the Sorento, with independent rear suspension. In V6 configuration, it puts out 276 horsepower and 267 lb/ft of torque, and comes solely with a five-speed automatic transmission (the V8 uses a six-speed automatic).

The V6 will tow up to 5,000 lbs, the V8 up to 7,500. Published fuel figures for the V6 are 13.0

L/100 km in the city and 9.4 on the highway; in combined driving, I averaged 15.2 L/100 km (19 mpg).

The base LX contains the usual round-up of amenities: A/C, heated seats and mirrors, trailer hitch, satellite radio, cruise control, side and curtain airbags (but not the V8's driver knee airbag), electronic stability control, hill assist and downhill brake con-

trol. Moving up to the EX adds 18-inch wheels, power-adjustable leather seats, automatic climate control, auto-dimming rear mirror, power-adjustable steering wheel, and side steps. Parents may bemoan the fact that no rear-seat DVD is available; navigation can't be added, either.

The front seats are roomy, and the third-row seats have more legroom than expected, but with

2009 Kia Borrego

Type: SUV
Price: from \$36,995
Engine: 3.8L V6
HP: 276
Torque: 267 lb/ft

Highlights

- Unique platform
- Roomy

hard, flat cushions.

The V6 works so well that I'd question moving up to the V8 unless you're planning heavy-duty towing. Handling is fine, but the suspension is very truck-like. On smooth roads, Borrego just feels rugged, but the least bit of broken pavement sends every smack and wallop into the cabin.

Inside, there's little to fault for the price: Quality materials, good panel fit, comfortable seating and good visibility. Kia has been improving its interiors over the last few new models, and it shows.

But all of that has been long established in this tough segment, and Borrego's trucky characteristics may limit its popularity. It's good, but it's not great. It's now up to buyers to determine if that's good enough.



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Toyota most trusted in study

Toyota has been voted Canada's most trusted brand in two categories — passenger car manufacturer and SUV manufacturer — in a national study commissioned by Reader's Digest. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Nuvis: Urban utility redefined

The world can now to peer into Hyundai's future with the introduction of the Nuvis concept at the recently concluded 2009 New York International Auto Show.

The Nuvis is the eleventh signature concept car to be designed at the company's California Design Center in Irvine, Calif.

In addition to showcasing the brand's cutting-edge capabilities, Nuvis also hints at a possible design direction for a future-generation crossover, blending attributes of a tall urban car and a premium utility vehicle.

Consistent with Hyundai's pledge to lead all brands in U.S. fuel economy by 2015, Nuvis is powered by Hyundai's Hybrid Blue Drive architecture, which uses breakthrough lithium polymer battery technology.

Hyundai's all-new, homegrown Hybrid Blue Drive architecture helps define the Nuvis concept. Hyundai's proprietary parallel hybrid drive system mates the already fuel-effi-

ther opened or closed, create unique front, rear and profile views.

Blue ambient lighting

cast across the body adds to the overall upscale feel of the vehicle.

FROM CARGUIDE



Hyundai's Nuvis concept.

"Consistent with Hyundai's pledge to lead all brands in U.S. fuel economy by 2015, Nuvis is powered by Hyundai's Hybrid Blue Drive architecture, which uses breakthrough lithium polymer battery technology."

cient 2.4-litre Theta II engine to a six-speed automatic transmission and a 30kW electric motor for maximum fuel economy.

Hybrid Blue Drive has an all-electric mode and a parallel drive mode, meaning that the wheels are turned by power coming directly from the gasoline engine, or the electric motor, or both together, as conditions demand.

This parallel hybrid drive architecture will serve as the foundation for future Hyundai hybrid drive vehicles, starting with the next-generation Sonata.

Perched on top of 22-inch wheels, Nuvis' proportions are tall, strong and protective. The two body-side lines set up a flowing water effect, giving the appearance of motion.

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Mini has created a modern version of late Beatles guitarist George Harrison's vintage car to coincide with the brand's 50th birthday. The one-off model will be handed over to Harrison's widow, Olivia Harrison. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Audi pumps it up

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada



In its bid to become the world's largest maker of premium automobiles, Audi recently showed off the latest arrow in its burgeoning quiver in the south of France.

Arriving in Canada in late summer, the four-seat 2010 Audi A5 and hotter S5 Cabriolet, both with quattro all-wheel-drive, will fill the void created by the departing previous generation A4 drop top. No Canadian pricing has been set, but rest assured, Audi wants to lure buyers away from the BMW 328i Cabriolet (\$55,600) and the 335i Cabriolet (\$65,600).

Audi is using a three-layer fabric top for this cabrio, giving the benefits of reduced complexity, weight and volume. Top up, it's a relief to see this car carries much of the A5 coupe's chiseled good looks.

With the roof tucked under the tonneau cover (15 seconds down, 17 seconds up, operates up to 50 km/h) it cuts quite a graceful profile. The brushed aluminum trim ringing the cabin is a lovely detail.

The folded top takes up only 60 litres of the generous 380 litre trunk, and



the rear seat splits and folds, offering up to 750 litres of storage volume.

Carrying on Audi's tradition of class-leading interiors, the cabin is beautifully done, highlighted with wood inlays and/or brushed aluminum trim. You sit low in this cab, and the multi-adjustable driver's chair and manual tilt/telescope wheel make finding the optimal driving position a breeze. Back seat room is tolerable for adults as long as the front seats aren't pushed too far back.

Audi has borrowed a couple of ideas from its German rivals: Optional neck warming vents in the front seats like Mercedes' AirScarf, and specially treated leather seating surfaces that resist solar heat buildup, as first seen in the 2007 BMW M6 convertible.

2010 A5/S5 Cabriolet

Type: Sports sedan
Price: Not Available
Engine: 3.2L FSI V6/ 3.0L TFSI Supercharged V6
HP: 265/333
Torque: 243 lb-ft/324.5 lb-ft

Highlights

- Chiseled good looks
- Most likely to be cheaper than similar BMW models, although no price has been announced so far

With the windblocker in place (which stores in a compartment under the trunk floor) and the tri-level neck breeze on easy-bake, a good torque is about the only thing you'd need to drive this car topless (no, not that kind of topless) pretty much all year.

The four-seat 2010 Audi A5 and the hotter S5 Cabriolet (pictured) are arriving in Canada late summer.

round in Canada. The 2010 A5 Cabriolet carries a naturally aspirated 265 hp 3.2-litre FSI V6 mated to a 6-speed Tiptronic autobox. This proved a satisfying combination, delivering smooth performance that was well suited to the A5's mission as a comfy tourer.

Enthusiasts will opt for the S5 Cabriolet, which sports 18-inch wheel (up from 17) and a 333 hp supercharged TFSI 3.0-litre V6.

For much of this test route, which resembled the trajectory of a highly intoxicated sailor, horsepower was not a pressing issue. More pertinent was the ability of Audi's latest cabrio to provide good grip and balanced handling.

The quattro full-time all-wheel-drive with a default 60 per cent rear bias is a good start. Standard in the S5 Cabriolet is Audi drive select. A trio of buttons (comfort, auto and dynamic) call up pre-programmed groupings of throttle response, shift maps and servotronic steering assist. Naturally, "dynamic" is the most aggressive.

My S5 tester also featured the optional variable-rate dynamic steering and the new rear sport differential that will send torque to the outside rear wheel when cornering, essentially pushing the car around the bend.

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Everyone's a bad driver ... except you

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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"When my husband and I are in the car, I usually let him drive. Because when I drive, he has a tendency to bite the dashboard."

Comedian Rita Rudner

Have you noticed? Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a moron."

George Carlin said that once, and I believe the observation has more than a grain of truth about it.

Our assessment on whether or not some other driver is screwing up seems based not so much on if they're contravening the law — those are obvious signs — but more so if they are deviating from our more idiosyncratic, personal codes of driving behaviour.

That person following you, maybe three feet closer than you're comfortable with? Well, he's a maniac.

That person backing up traffic while waiting to make a left, and not taking advantage of a dicey gap in on-coming traffic — a gap you would have surely grabbed? That person is a menace to society.

That driver who approached an intersection with far too much caution, causing you to lose your God-given right to run that yellow light? Well, that person is a selfish oaf. How do they live with themselves?

Tolerance of other people's driving is tested even more if that other person is your spouse or significant other.

Here's comedian Rita Rudner on the topic: "When my husband and I

are in the car, I usually let him drive. Because when I drive, he has a tendency to bite the dashboard."

(I'm just going to move right along here and not discuss my wife's driving.)

One strategy I'm trying, to stay cool behind the wheel, is imagining that whatever boneheaded move the other driver just did, was an aberration, a slip up they usually don't make.

But I'm not there yet. I generally assume they're hardened, amoral criminal types, and it's my duty to lay on as much horn as possible.

Another strategy I'm working on is shortening my list of driving pet peeves. Not there yet either.

The thing that has helped me the most, however, in the battle to stay calm, is anticipating debatable behaviour.

Advanced driving courses always instill the notion of self-defence. Quickly identify situations where an ill-advised move by the other driver will put you at risk, and assume the worst.

If they make the right move, that's fine.

But if they cross your line, or the one that police actually use, and you've reacted correctly and gracefully and with a world-weary smirk, well, that's even finer.

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It's bumpy in California

California's major urban roadways are the roughest in the U.S., according to a report released by Transportation California. The road conditions cost an average driver in the state at least \$590 US a year in extra vehicle operating costs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

How cool is your car?

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The hot weather is one of the most eagerly anticipated parts of the summer season if you're a human being. If you're a vehicle, the heat means additional strain on vital components during towing, hauling and long family trips.

Poorly maintained parts

tend to show themselves

when vehicles are pushed

to extremes.

As such, a sweltering summer day is a fantastic time for overheating, driveline failure or engine damage, if your cooling system isn't performing properly. Any of the above will leave you stranded on the roadside with a car full of sweaty, irritated and cranky family members. Fortunately, readying your cooling system for warm-weather travelling is a relatively quick and painless endeavour.

In addition to keeping your engine running at its ideal operating temperature, your cooling system may play a part in keeping other components, like your transmission, from overheating as well. Your cooling system works by circulating coolant throughout the engine to absorb and remove the tremendous heat it generates while running.

Over time, the effectiveness of the coolant diminishes, and a coolant change is required. This occurs in varying intervals for different vehicles, or on an "as-needed" basis as advised by your mechanic. Forget when your coolant was changed last? It's probably overdue.

If your ride is dripping green fluid and you're planning a road trip anyways, you're asking for trouble. Overheating can quickly lead to engine failure and permanent, catastrophic damage. Cooling system repairs tend to be considerably more affordable than an engine replacement.

A periodic radiator flush is also advisable to remove harmful sludge from within the cooling system. Sludge may accumulate within the radiator and hoses over time, reducing effectiveness and component life.

Protecting your engine from the heat this summer is only half the battle — and you'll want to make sure you and your passengers benefit from a reliable and effective air conditioning system. If your A/C

seems hesitant to blow cold, or if it isn't cooling the cabin as quickly as you remember, an inspection is in order. This can often reveal a small problem before it escalates into a much larger and pricier one.

For instance, a leaking

A/C line or fitting may allow air, moisture or other contaminants into the system. This can cause a world of trouble and result in serious damage. Air and moisture mixing with refrigerant is bad news — so fixing a leak early on can

save money, not to mention preventing potentially harmful chemicals from winding up in the atmosphere.

A simple mechanical or electrical failure could result in improper operation of the A/C system, too.



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'A detective of human injury'

Physiotherapists can help injured people live better, fuller lives

Head to Toe

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When injuries happen, physiotherapist Victor Vongphakdy goes on the case to figure out what went wrong and why.

The 27-year-old physiotherapist who serves clients at the Physiomed clinic in Brampton, Ont., finds the intellectual challenge of his job refreshing because it requires a strong understanding of not only how the body works but how exactly things can go wrong.

"I like to call myself a detective of human injury. I have to deduce from a wide spectrum of what clients may have and bring it down to an accurate diagnosis," Vongphakdy said.

Lower back and neck pain tend to be the most common injuries Vongphakdy sees, with a wide variety of sports injuries also topping the bill. Once he diagnoses the problem, Vongphakdy sets up a rehabilitation program and designs a training regimen aimed at strengthening the body in the right places to prevent a similar injury from happening in the future. He believes in educating clients about their bodies to help keep them out of the clinic by



training their bodies to match their physical demands.

"The amount of stress that people demand from their bodies is often more than their inherent muscle strength can handle. Education is key to winning the battle," he said.

Vongphakdy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology as well as a Masters in Physical Therapy and says his background in science gave him a head start in his field.

"My background in Ki-

"Being able to bring people back to activities that they love that they couldn't do before coming in, that's what drives me. It makes want to get them there because I share that passion."

Physiotherapist Victor Vongphakdy

nesiology gave me a huge advantage because of my exposure to the sports field and knowledge of the basics of training and muscle fatigue," he said.

With plenty of face-to-face interaction with the

clients he helps, Vongphakdy says it's easy to find satisfaction in his work.

"I love my job. When I come to work I'm interacting with people. I'm using my brain and I'm

getting people better. It's completely satisfying," Vongphakdy said.

An avid sports lover himself, Vongphakdy finds the most satisfaction in helping active people reclaim the ability to do those things they loved doing before getting injured.

"Being able to bring people back to activities that they love that they couldn't do before coming in, that's what drives me. It makes want to get them there because I share that passion," he said.

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Lung injury caused by stunts

Mariska Hargitay has revealed the partially collapsed lung she has experienced since January was caused by doing her own stunts on the set of Law and Order: SVU. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

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Cut a rug, bust a gut

New comedy spoofs the dance movie genre

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for Metro Canada

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then those responsible for the genre of the dance movie should be gushing with pride.

After all, this weekend will see the theatrical release of *Dance Flick*, the latest in a cinematic tradition of recent comedy spoofs like the successful *Scary Movie* series, *Superhero Movie* and *Date Movie*. It seems in popular culture, you aren't a genre until you've been spoofed.

But while *Dance Flick* borrows its punchlines from such recent hits as

Step Up, *Save the Last Dance* and *High School Musical*, the most successful dance films in Hollywood hit the screen decades earlier when John Travolta defined the genre by stretching himself into a pair of white polyester slacks for 1977's Saturday Night Fever.

Not only did that classic film receive its own spoof treatment (*Airplane!*) but it still reigns at the top of the dance genre having grossed over \$94 million US since its release. Other hits like *Flashdance*, *Footloose* and *Dirty Dancing* successfully followed and now define many of the films we see today.

"Dancing movies are

good because they have a formula," once stated *Step Up* star Channing Tatum. And he's correct. Unlike many musicals, dance films rely on choreography to progress the plot of a story.

While movies like *Hairspray* include both choreography and song, the dance genre defines conflict of character through the art; the protagonist must advance through dance.

But why are movie audiences so attracted to dance flicks in the first place? The answer may be more intuitive than you think. According to a recent article in *Scientific American*; our brains are stimulated by viewing coordinated movements.

In fact, biologically-speaking, dance films share a great deal in common with action movies like *Fast & Furious* and *Star Trek*. See, not unlike the

rush we get from watching high-speed car chases or a bar brawl featuring James T. Kirk, anecdotal evidence shows that "if you're watching someone dance, your brain's movement areas activate" as if you were participating yourself.

Gump dump

Tom Hanks has denied speculation he is set to reprise the role of Forrest Gump for a movie based on Winston Groom's follow-up novel *Gump and Co.*

FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Tyler (Ross Thomas) prepares to dance with Nora (Christina Murphy) in the comedy spoof *Dance Flick*, opening this week.

Movie feature

Step Up
• *Dirty Dancing*
• *Save the Last Dance*
• *Strictly Ballroom*
• *Girl's Just Want to Have Fun*
• *Flashdance*
• *Stomp the Yard*
• *Footloose*

Dance film rentals

Step Up
• *Dirty Dancing*
• *Save the Last Dance*
• *Strictly Ballroom*
• *Girl's Just Want to Have Fun*
• *Flashdance*
• *Stomp the Yard*
• *Footloose*

Stars align for CBS fall schedule

TV Alex O'Loughlin, is back on CBS with the new medical drama *Three Rivers*.

The network went mostly for star vehicles in its first new series picks for next season with *Rivers*; the *NCIS* spin-off, topline by LL Cool J and Chris O'Donnell; legal drama *The Good Wife*, starring Julianne Margulies; and the Jenna Elfman-starring comedy *Accidentally on Purpose*.

Law & order back for 20th season

TV *Law & Order* will match *Gunsmoke*'s record 20-year run.

NBC has renewed *Dick Wolf's* crime drama for a 20th season, sources said. The order is believed to be for 16 episodes.

Wolf had been open about his desire to tie *Gunsmoke* for the longest-running drama on TV. **REUTERS**

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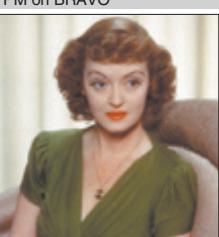
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critics' corner

The Achievers

She had 11 Oscar nominations, two wins and a pair of eyes immortalized in song. "Bette Davis" remembers one of Hollywood's great actresses, a true Hollywood icon whose career spanned more than 50 years and included such diverse roles as the unlikely Mildred Rogers ("Of Human Bondage"), the tragic Judith Traherne ("Dark Victory") and the frightening, delusional Jane Hudson ("What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"). Fasten your seat belts! 5 PM on BRAVO



The New Adventures of Old Christine

Weddings always seem to bring out the unexpected in Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), and the nuptials of her ex, Richard (Clark Gregg), are no exception, as she rekindles her romance with New Christine's (Emily Rutherford) father (guest star Scott Bakula). Afterward, though, she learns some shocking news about "Papa Jeff." Constance Zimmer and James Lesure also guest star in the season finale, "Love: A Cautionary Tale." 9 PM on KREM

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Brooke Shields strips to down to lingerie and latex thigh-highs in a new, cougar-tastic photo spread for Australia's Kuru magazine that features her up close with a younger man, tvguide.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Carmen joins burlesque show

CAREER MOVE? Carmen Electra is getting ready to strip down — but not completely — in a new Las Vegas show. She's set to start in July in the topless cabaret Crazy Horse at the MGM Grand.

"She's not going topless, but she will be wearing very little. She's going to wear whatever she is comfortable with," a rep for the show said, according to media reports.

Electra added: "It is such an iconic show and I was in awe after seeing it for the first time. The dancers

and the performers are so sensual and sexy."

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Eminem smooths over Mimi beef

BACKPEDAL? Eminem has apparently smoothed over the feud he started with Nick Cannon and Mariah Carey over lyrics in one of his new songs that caused Cannon to retaliate.

"I heard about some of the things he was saying," Eminem said in an interview with BBC Radio. "I didn't read his blog or anything. But it is what it is. He's supposed to defend his wife, and I expected him to do that. But at the end of the day, it's a line I said. It's a song. What I actually meant to say is, I wish them the best. That's the whole message of the record."

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Tempers run high in Jack's band

INTERNAL STRIFE Jack White punched one of his female bandmates during an alcohol-fuelled night out, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The rocker reportedly hit Dead Weather partner Alison Mosshart after getting into an argument with her in a New York bar.

The pair are both said to be "ashamed" about the altercation and have now resolved their differences.

A source told

Britain's The Sun: "Jack and Alison went on a mammoth all-day session when they met up in New York. They sunk a lot of alcohol and ended up at each other's throats. It was a one-off scrap and they both feel really ashamed.

"But they are over it now and have promised each other they won't get into that state again."

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Mel's girlfriend pregnant?

BABY MAMA DRAMA Mel Gibson's new girlfriend is reportedly pregnant, according to femalefirst.co.uk.

The Lethal Weapon star — who already has seven children with estranged wife Robyn and Russian singer Oksana Grigorieva are said to be expecting their first child together in the autumn.

It has been claimed Gibson, 53, has already told Robyn and their children the news, although it wasn't well-received.

A source told the National Enquirer magazine: "In late April, Mel gathered his children at the

family home in Malibu and broke the news that Oksana is pregnant, and he expects them to accept the baby as a new sibling.

"They are quite upset. Even though Mel assured them the pregnancy was unplanned, they're furious with him,

and say they're going to take steps to protect their inheritance, which they feel is in jeopardy."

Robyn filed for divorce in April, citing "irreconcilable differences," and she is expected to get half Gibson's fortune.

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Hilary reimagines Bonnie

REINTERPRETATION Hilary Duff thinks her upcoming film The Story of Bonnie and Clyde will be "beautiful," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 21-year-old singer and actress will play teenage outlaw Bonnie Parker in the new movie and says she can't wait to get started.

She said: "I'm really excited. I think it's going to be really beautiful. We're shooting in the South, and we want to really

show how hot and dry it is ... and the clothes! It's a tragic love story, and that's what we want to get across.

"People don't realize that they were, like 18 years old doing this. In the version in '67, with Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty, they were already adults, but Bonnie and Clyde were actually teenagers. So they were very ahead of their time. They were rebels, you know?"

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Swayze's death report false

STILL GOING Patrick Swayze, whose battle with pancreatic cancer was first announced last year, has not died, contrary to a false rumour that was widely circulated yesterday morning, the actor's rep tells People exclusively.

"This is to confirm that Patrick Swayze did not pass away this morning contrary to severely reckless reports stemming from a radio station in Jacksonville, Fla.," says Annett Wolf.

"Patrick Swayze is alive, well and is enjoying his life and he continues to respond to treatment."

Since news of his disease was made public, Swayze, 56, has been the subject of speculation about his health.

In March, he told People: "I hope in the future, the press will think twice about printing inaccuracies and painting an unpleasant picture when I have so much to be thankful for at this time."

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Marital woes sparks house sale?

PEOPLE LeAnn Rimes and her songwriter husband Dean Sheremet are saying goodbye to their home just outside Nashville, people.com reports.

"LeAnn and Dean's home is on the market," the singer's rep confirms of the \$7.45-million US property, which was completed in 2008 and features six bedrooms, 7½ bathrooms, plus exercise and media rooms.

The deci-

sion to sell is not related to reports that Rimes, 26, allegedly had an affair with her Lifetime TV-movie co-star Eddie Cibrian, 35, a friend of the country singer tells People.

Rimes and Sheremet, 28, are committed to their relationship, which has its ups and downs, says Rimes' friend. "(LeAnn and Dean) are still having challenges and trying to work through them. They're working on their marriage."

On Sunday, Rimes was spotted chatting with Cibrian, 35, who's married to model Brandi Glanville, 36, at a Los Angeles Lakers basketball game. Her pal says it was not a planned meeting.

"That was totally random," says the friend. "They both just happened to be at the game."

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Kanye pleads not guilty

CELEBRITY JUSTICE Kanye West pleaded not guilty Friday in a Los Angeles court to misdemeanour vandalism, battery and grand theft stemming from a scuffle with paparazzi at Los Angeles International Airport on Sept. 11, people.com reports.

West, 31, was not present in court, but his lawyer, Blair Berk, appeared on his behalf.

West's road manager, Don Crawley, 33, who was charged with two counts of each of the above crimes, also pleaded not guilty through his attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley. Eight

months ago, the two were arrested for the altercation while attempting to catch a flight to Honolulu. Video of the incident showed both men wrestling a camera away from a photographer, with each smashing parts of it into the ground.

Crawley also allegedly smashed a second photographer's camera.

West and Crawley's next hearing is scheduled for July 15.

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Long distance a relationship killer for Leona

TOO BAD The long-distance relationship routine doesn't seem to be working out for Leona Lewis. The singer and her longtime boyfriend Al-Chamma — who've been together since they were 10 — have reportedly decided to go their separate ways while she's in L.A. and he's in London.

"They are still in love, but Leona's lifestyle is making things really hard," a source tells

Britain's Star. "Her career is doing so well ... Unfortunately, this leaves her very little time to work on her relationship."

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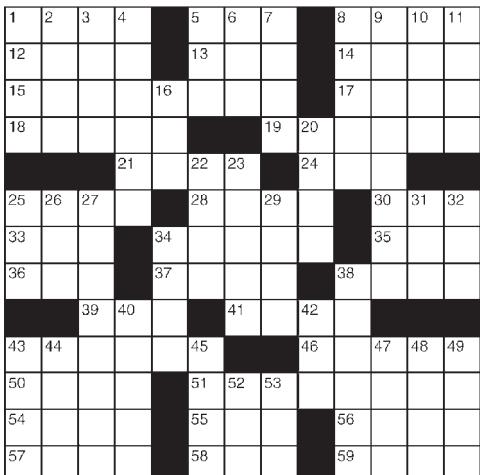
Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television

'My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes.'

WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

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Take Five



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